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SCHOOL-BOY, &c.

GENTLEMEN,

ACCORDING to the last
law of our Society, I am
ordered to speak a few words in
praise thereof, and of Philosophy in
general; and I shall endeavour to
acquit myself with honour, when
I speak concerning that sublime
science,

science, that so enlivens our apprehensions of the Deity and all his operations. — Instructed and elevated by Philosophy, we range amidst the flowery meads of knowledge, we taste the delicious fruits thereof, climb up the rugged rocks to the Parnassian bowers, and drink of the crystal rill of Pierus: supported by Philosophy, we soar amidst the spangled arches of heaven, and contemplate all the glories of the firmament; we leave behind us the unexperienced vulgar, groveling amidst the rubbish and mists of ignorance and rusticity; while by its assistance,

We

“ We soar sublime — all rival
 “ heights defy,
 “ Mount to the heav’ns and range
 “ along the sky :

Justly may that passage in Cicero*,
 that celebrated orator, which he
 spoke of Poetry, be applied to
 Philosophy ; for it truly is very
 useful and delightful to all rational
 creatures, instructs the young, de-
 lights the old, adorns us in prospe-
 rity, and affords a solace in the most
 adverse turns of fortune ; when once
 got, cannot be taken away by ship-
 wrecks,

* Pro Archia.

wrecks, robbers, or any such things; but a Philosopher like Simonides and Aristippus, in all places, has his goods about him; this entertaining science ever accompanies him, in the noisy clatter of the town, or in his rural retreats from care and disturbance. But still it is greatly to be lamented, that this entertaining and useful part of knowledge, is much neglected by mankind, especially those of younger years; yet it is to be hoped, that there are some, who, in their juvenile age, being faithfully instructed, follow the paths of learning and virtue, of which number we hope

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our society is part ; and as your approbation, Gentlemen, will encourage and honour us ; we hope you will give us as much thereof as is our due, though it should be but small.

N. B. The above little speech, is the genuine production of the same School-Boy, who wrote the Poetical Effays. — It was composed to be spoken by a member of the Juvenile Society, in a Country Boarding School, at their Breaking-Up.

Northampton June 12, 1765.

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Mr. D. W. Allen, of the Society, is the
general provision of the same
School-Boy, who wrote the Poetical
Library. — It was composed to be
spoken by a member of the Juvenile
Society, in a County Boarding
School, at their Breathing-Up.

New-Hampshire June 12, 1764.



